

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jose Luis Francese et al.

Group Art Unit: 3731

Serial No.: 10/634,049

Examiner: Nguyen, Tuan Van

Filed: August 4, 2003

Attorney Docket: MED-015

Title: Surgical Port Device

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPLY

The applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for a three-month extension of time to reply to a Final Office Action dated March 26, 2008. With the extension of time, the time for reply is extended to September 26, 2008, making this reply timely in nature. On August 26, 2008, Applicant filed an Amendment and Remarks in reply to the above-referenced Final Office Action and paid the \$230 small entity fee for a two-month extension of time. Accordingly, please charge **\$295** for the additional third month extension to our deposit account number 07-1732.

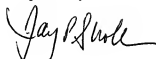
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Contemporaneously herewith, Applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination and re-submitting the Amendment and Remarks originally filed on August 26, 2008. No claims have been added. Please charge the **\$405** small entity RCE fee, and any additional fees now due, to deposit account no. 07-1732.

REMARKS

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay P. Sbrollini". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jay" being prominent.

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